

**SPECIAL AREA CLOSURE
NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND TRAILS**

**GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST
MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads and trails within and/or administered by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument:

1. It is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health and safety. For the purpose of this order, this restriction applies to the area depicted in Exhibit A of this order and described in Exhibit B of this order. (36 CFR 261.53(e)).
2. Being on the roads. For the purpose of this order, this restriction applies to the National Forest System Roads depicted in Exhibit A of this order and described in Exhibit C of this order. (36 CFR 261.54(e)).
3. Being on a trail. For the purpose of this order, this restriction applies to the National Forest System Trails depicted in Exhibit A of this order and described in Exhibit D of this order. (36 CFR 261.55(a)).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer or a member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Vancouver, Washington, this 21st day of October, 2004.

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

SPECIAL AREA CLOSURE

EXHIBIT B

The Special Area Closure encompasses an area of approximately five miles in radius outward from the Mount St. Helens Lava Dome. This written description serves as the exterior boundary and closes all lands encompassed within it.

Beginning at a Westerly originating point where WA Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lands and Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (MSHNVN) meet along section line dividing Sections 2 of T8N, R4E and Section 35 of T9N, R4E, Willamette Meridian, travel East about 1½ miles to the Western MSHNVN boundary in Section 36 of T9N, R4E. Travel North along DNR boundary for about ¾ mile and then turn Northwest along National Forest System Trail 216G that follows the DNR/MSHNVN boundary. Follow this boundary along Castle Ridge for about 1½ miles at a Northwesterly angle through Sections 35 and 26 of T9N, R4E. At the section line dividing Sections 26 and 27 of T9N, R4E, travel slightly Northeast to an inlet on Castle Lake's Southwest shore. Follow the Southern shore East about ¼ mile and then North about ¾ of the way up Castle Lake's Eastern shore (about 1 mile) in Section 23 of T9N, R4E. Turn East along section line dividing Sections 14 and 23 of T9N, R4E and travel about ½ mile to section line dividing Sections 13 and 14 of T9N, R4E. Continue North along section line dividing Sections 14 and 13 and 11 and 12 of T9N, R4E about 1¾ miles to National Forest System (NFS) Trail #1.

Travel NFS Trail #1 generally East along Johnston Ridge through Section 12 of T9N, R4E and Sections 7, 8 and 9 of T9N, R5E for about 5¼ miles until it intersects NFS Trail #207 in Section 9 of T9N, R5E. Follow NFS Trail #207 Southeast for about ¼ mile to section line dividing Sections 9 and 16 of T9N, R5E. Travel East on section line dividing Sections 9 and 16 and 10 and 15 of T9N, R5E about ¾ miles to the Western shore of Spirit Lake near Harry's Ridge. Follow the Western and Southern shores of Spirit Lake through Sections 15, 14, 23 and 13 of T9N, R5E near Windy Ridge. From a point in Section 13 of T9N, R5E on the Southeast shoreline of Spirit Lake, travel overland at a Southeastern angle for about ½ mile towards Upper Smith Creek Trailhead crossing NFS Road 9900.

From Upper Smith Creek Trailhead, travel about 3½ miles Southeasterly along NFS Trail #225 through Sections 18, 19 and 30 of T9N, R6E to the Eastern MSHNVN boundary. Follow the MSHNVN Boundary about 3¾ miles to Lower Smith Creek Trailhead. Travel outside the MSHNVN boundary on NFS Road 8322 in a Southeasterly direction to section line dividing Sections 15 and 22 of T8N, R6E. Travel about 3½ miles Southwest along NFS Road 8322 through Sections 22, 21, 20, 29 and 19 of T8N, R6E and back into the MSHNVN.

At the junction of NFS Roads 8322 and 8300, travel the Northern side of NFS Road 8300 Southwest for about 5½ miles until you reach section lines dividing Sections 33 and 34 of T8N, R5E where National Forest lands meet private lands. Travel section lines dividing Section 33 of T8N, R5E with Section 4 of T7N, R5E for 1 mile. Follow the Swift Creek West Fork South until it intersects NFS Road 8300 in Section 5 of T7N, R5E. Follow the Northern side of NFS Road 8300 South until it intersects NFS Road 8100. Follow the Northern side of NFS Road 8100 Northwest for about 4 miles until its junction with NFS Road 8123. At this junction, turn West and travel the Northern side of NFS Road 8123 about ½ mile until it reaches the section line dividing Sections 26 and 27 of T8N, R4E. Travel North for about 2¾ miles along section lines dividing Sections 26 and 27, Sections 22 and 23 between Goat Marsh and Goat Mountain and Sections 14 and 15 of T8N, R4E. Continue North for 1 mile along section line dividing Section 10 which is private lands and Section 11 which is National Forest lands of T8N, R4E. Travel North along the MSHNVN boundary dividing Sections 2 and 3 of T8N, R4E to where it meets DNR lands again. This was described as the originating point.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROAD CLOSURE

EXHIBIT C

All Roads are from the point of entry into the Special Area Closure, and as described:

National Forest System Road 5042110 from its junction with State Route 504 in T9N, R4E, Section 2 to its termini at milepost 0.3 at Coldwater Lake Picnic Area.

National Forest System Road 5042111 from its junction with State Route 504 in T9N, R4E, Section 2 to its termini at milepost 0.2 at Coldwater Lake Boat Ramp.

National Forest System Road 8100830 from its junction with National Forest System Road 8100 in T8N, R5E, Section 32 to its termini at milepost 2.9 in T8N, R5E, Section 28 at Climber's Bivouac.

National Forest System Road 8123 from its junction with National Forest System Road 8100 in T8N, R4E, Section 26 to its termini at milepost 6.0 in T8N, R4E, Section at Sheep Canyon Trailhead.

National Forest System Road 8300 from its junction with National Forest System Road 8300450 in T8N, R6E, Section 30 where it is blocked West of Pine Creek to its termini at Lava Canyon Trailhead in T8N, R6E, Section 20.

National Forest System Road 8300450 from its junction with National Forest System Road 8300 in T8N, R6E, Section 30 to its termini at milepost 0.4 in T 8N, R6E, Section 30.

National Forest System Road 8322 from its junction with National Forest System Road 8300 in T8N, R6E, Section 20 to its termini at milepost 4.9 in T8N, R6E, Section 15 at Lower Smith Creek Trailhead.

National Forest System Road 9900 from a point about 300 feet West of its junction with National Forest System Road 2560 in T9N, R6E, Section 8 to its termini at milepost 16.36 in T9N, R5E, Section 23 at Windy Ridge Viewpoint.

NOTE: State Route 504 from Coldwater Ridge Visitor's Center gate in T10N, R4E, Section 35 to its termini in T9N, R5E, Section 8 at Johnston Ridge Observatory has been closed to all forms of use by Washington State under the Revised Code of Washington.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAIL CLOSURE

EXHIBIT D

All Trails located WITHIN the Special Area Closure, and as described below, are CLOSED:

#184 Lava Canyon Trail	#231-D Goat Marsh Trail
#184-A Bridge Loop Trail	#234 Ape Canyon Trail
#184-B Ship Loop Trail	#236 Sasquatch Trail
#207 Truman Trail	#237 Blue Horse Trail
#216 Loowit Trail	#238 Toutle Trail (North of NFS Road 8100)
#216-A Ptarmigan Trail	#238-A Butte Camp Trail
#216-B June Lake Trail	#240 Sheep Canyon Trail
#216-C Pine Creek Trail	#241-A Moss Spring Trail
#216-D Abraham Trail	#241-B Statigraphy Trail
#216-E Windy Trail	#243 West Fork Snowmobile Trail
#216-F Loowit Falls Trail	#244 Swift Ski Trail
#216-G Castle Ridge Trail	#244-A Rock Pit Trail
#216-H Monitor Ridge Trail	#244-B Fir Trail
#217 Goat Mountain Trail	#244-C Silver Trail
#221 Castle Lake Trail	#244-D Pika Trail
#225 Smith Creek Trail	#245 Pine Martin Trail
#231 Kalama Ski Trail	
#231-A Baby Bear Loop Trail	
#231-B Mama Bear Loop Trail	
#231-C Papa Bear Loop Trail	

All Trails located OUTSIDE the Special Area Closure, and as described below, are CLOSED:

#1 Boundary Trail	#224 Harmony Trail
#1-E Harry's Ridge Trail	#227 Independence Pass Trail
#1-G Coldwater Peak Trail	#227-A Independence Ridge Trail
#211 Lakes Trail	#229 Hummocks Trail
#211-B Panhandle Trail	#230 Coldwater Trail
#211-C Shovel Lake Trail	#230-A South Coldwater Trail
#211-D Elk Bench Trail	#246 Birth of a Lake Trail
#214 Whittier Trail	